

Amherst Public Arts Commission Meeting – May 2, 2013
First Floor Meeting Room, Amherst Town Hall

Called to order 4 p.m.

Present: Rachel Hankinson, Bonnie Isman, Randa Nachbar, Rene Theberge, Terry Rooney (Chair)

Absent: Rosario Gaddier, Jenny Lind, Jim Wald (Select Board liaison)

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended. The December artist is Walter Hamilton.

Report of the Chair. APAC members whose terms expire June 30, 2013 include Terry, Randa and Rosario. Terry and Randa are planning not to seek reappointment. Rosario's plans are unknown. We discussed recruitment of new members. A farewell event for Terry was suggested. Terry reviewed future APAC business:

- The next payment for Matt Johnson's sculpture is due on June 30, 2013.
- Boltwood parking garage's public art piece should be decommissioned.
- Possible performance art piece at Puffer's Pond by Rowlett.
- Possible virtual art at UMass Campus Pond by Steppian (sp?)
- Lantern workshop
- Town Hall exhibits. Rachel met with Ester White, artist for June.
- Youth Action Coalition is interested in using the East Street School for an arts center and would be interested in APAC working with them.

Fundraising for Kendrick Park sculpture. Terry reported that Tony Maroulis approved using the Chamber of Commerce as the fiscal agent for APAC's online fundraising campaign. She wants to do a mailing and set up a website like Kickstarter. Bonnie agreed to help with the letter and provided a sample. Rene agreed to take new spring photos of the sculpture. Terry has a good price for gicle prints to be used as premiums for a \$100 donation. We agreed to reduce the donation amount to \$500 for listing on the title plaque.

We were unable to find a suitable date for a 'house party' at Co-Housing in May. Sunday, June 30 was chosen as the tentative date for a fund raising event that will also honor Terry's service to the Town, possibly to be held in Kendrick Park from 2-4 pm. Bonnie will see if the Chamber will donate one of their tents.

Adjourned 5:15 p.m.

Next meeting: June 6 at 4 pm

Submitted by Bonnie Isman